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MOLECULAR CONTROL OF LIQUID CRYSTALLINE  
ORIENTATION OF PBO AND PBT

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d. Fibers which are spun from lyotropic solutions of extended chain polymers exhibit high strength and modulus in the direction of the fiber axis, however, the strength and modulus are poor in the direction perpendicular to the fiber axis. This leads to poor compressive properties and delamination problems for biaxially oriented films obtained by the processing of liquid crystalline solutions. We propose to improve the solubility and transverse mechanical properties of PBO and PBT by using a combination of block copolymerization and molecular orientation.

We propose to prepare block copolymers containing PBO and PBT segments and ABPBO segments radially oriented with respect to the anthrone nucleus and thereby prepare materials with improved solubility and transverse mechanical properties. Therefore we propose to improve the directional mechanical and solubility properties of PBO and PBT materials by controlling the geometries of block copolymer systems.

e. Preparation of 2,6-diamino-9,9-bis(4-aminophenyl)anthrone.

2,6-Diaminoanthraquinone was reacted with benzoyl chloride to protect the 2,6-diamino groups as the 2,6-diamide I. The anthraquinone-2,6-dibenzamide I was reacted with excess aniline and aniline hydrochloride at reflux to yield 9,9-bis(4-aminophenyl)-anthrone-2,6-dibenzamide II. II was hydrolyzed in 70% sulfuric acid at 150 C for 10 min. to yield 2,6-diamino-9,9-bis(4-aminophenyl)-anthrone dihydrosulfate or in KOH solution to yield 2,6-diamino-9,9-bis(4-aminophenyl)anthrone III.

Preparation of star-like ABPBO, poly( 2,4-benzoxazole )

2,6-Diamino-9,9-bis(4-aminophenyl)anthrone dihydrosulfate(0.00048 mole) was reacted with 2-amino-3-hydroxybenzoic acid(0.033 mole) in PPA to form a polymer with an inherent viscosity of 0.199 dL/g. The presence of amide groups and the anthrone carbonyl in the FTIR and C-13 FTNMR spectra of the polymer demonstrate the formation of the star-like polymer system. The DSC of the polymer showed a crystalline melting point of 305.6 C.

Miscellaneous

Also we have synthesized 2-chloro-4,6-dinitro-1,3-benzenediol for conversion to 4,6-diamino-1,3-benzenediol dihydrochloride (the precursor to PBO). We have synthesized 2,6-diaminobenzobisthiazole for conversion to 2,5-diamino-1,4-benzenedithiol dihydrochloride (the precursor to PBT). We also synthesized the ABPBO polymer using 9,9-bis(4-aminophenyl)anthrone-2,6-dibenzamide as the template.

f. Our plans for next year include preparation of the following: (1) the star-like homopolymer formed by the reaction of 2,6-diamino-9,9-bis(4-aminophenyl)anthrone III with dicarboxy-terminated PBO; (2) the star-like homopolymer formed by the reaction of III with dicarboxy-terminated PBT; (3) the ABPBO homopolymer formed by the reaction of III with 3-amino-4-hydroxybenzoic acid; (4) the ABPBO homopolymer formed by the reaction of III with 4-amino-3-hydroxybenzoic acid; (5) the star-like block copolymer formed by the reaction of III with 3-amino-4-hydroxybenzoic acid followed by reaction with a freshly polymerized PBO-PPA mixture; (6) the star-like block copolymer formed by the reaction of III with 3-amino-4-hydroxybenzoic acid followed by a freshly polymerized PBT-PPA mixture; (7) the star-like block copolymer formed by the reaction of III with first with a polymerized mixture of 4,6-diamino-1,3-benzenediol and excess isophthalic acid in PPA followed by reaction with a freshly polymerized PBO-PPA mixture; and (8) the star-like block copolymer formed by the reaction of III first with a polymerized mixture of 2,5-diamino-1,4-benzenedithiol and excess isophthalic acid in PPA followed by reaction with a freshly polymerized PBT-PPA mixture.

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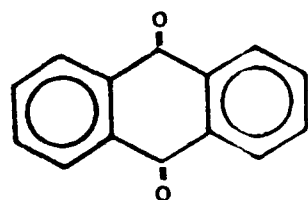
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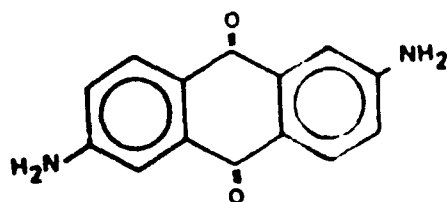
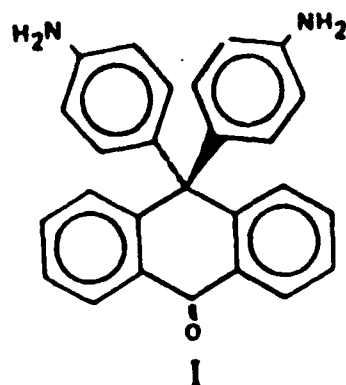
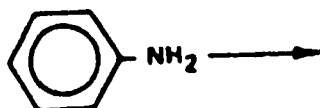
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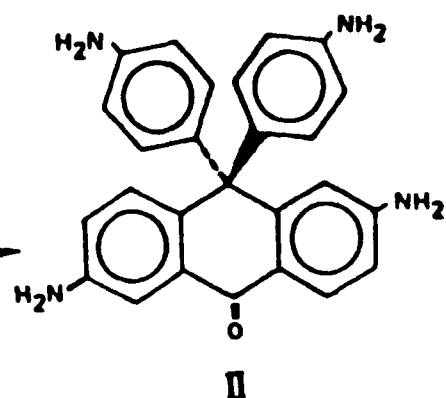
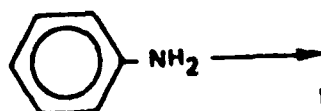
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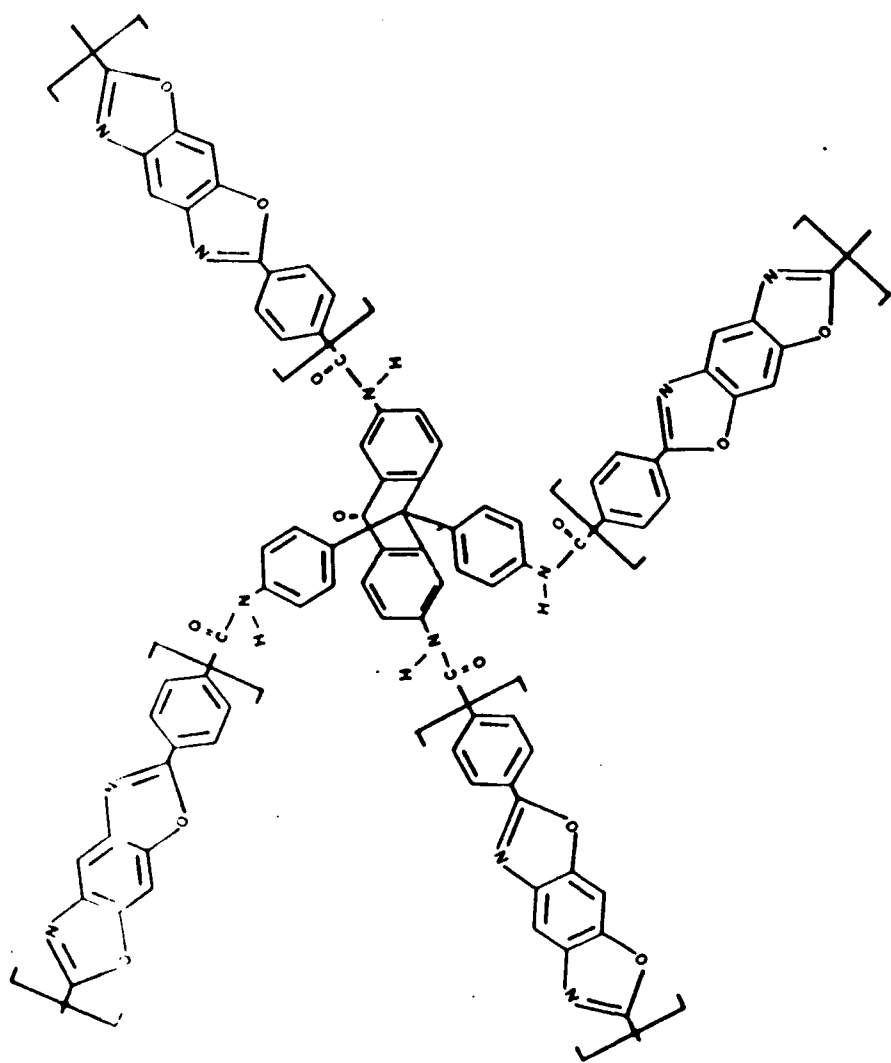
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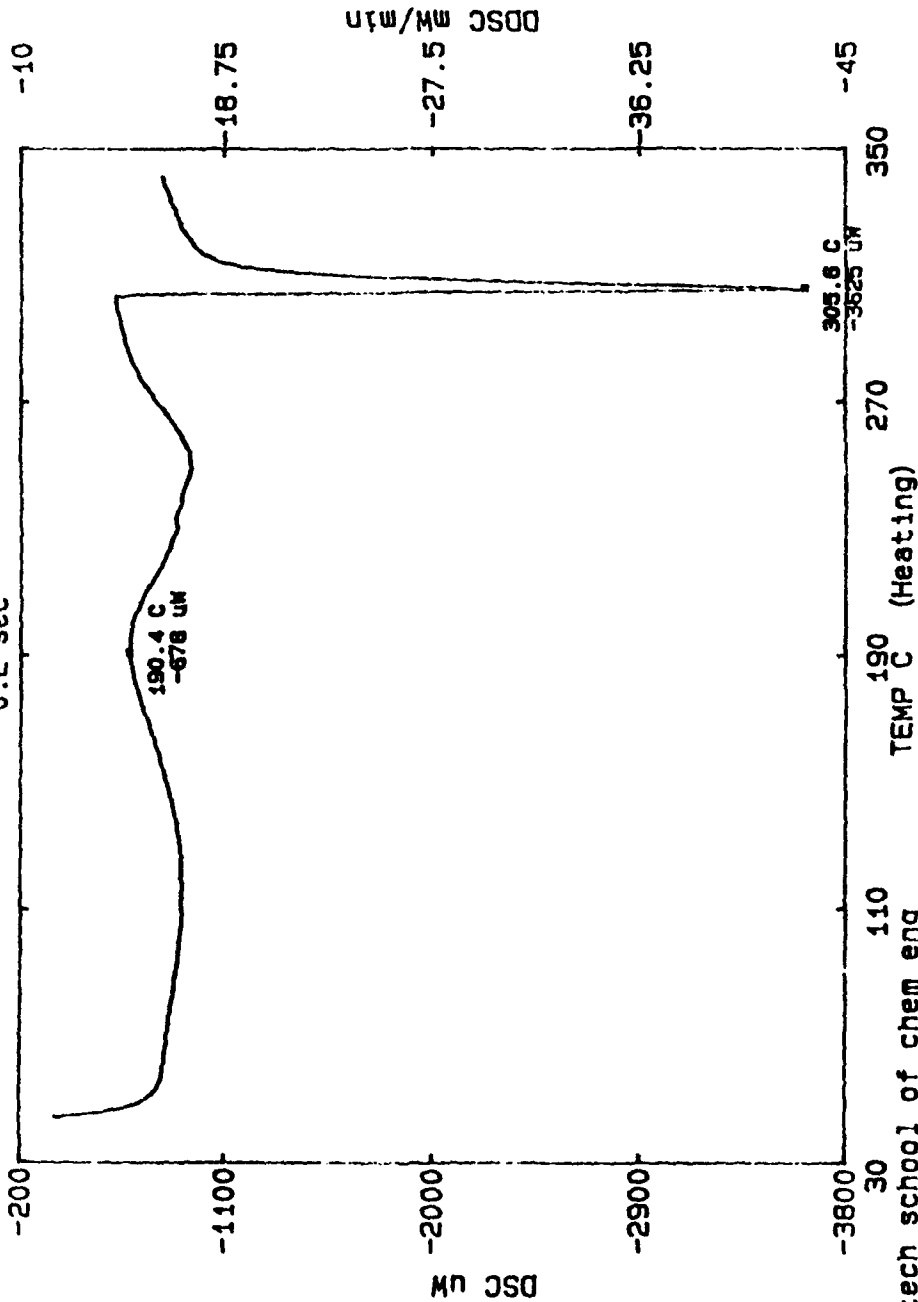
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## **STAR-LIKE POLY( 2,4-BENZOXAZOLE )**

**Star-like poly( 2,4-benzoxazole) was synthesized by the reaction of 2,6- Diamino-9,9-bis(4-aminophenyl)anthrone dihydrosulfate with 2-amino-3-hydroxybenzoic acid in PPA. The polymer had an inherent viscosity of 0.199 dL/g in methanesulfonic acid and a crystalline melting point of 305.6 C. The FTIR and C-13 FTNMR spectra are consistent with the proposed structure.**